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Re DEPTEL 249.

MAAG/BMM have agreed locally on division between light and heavy equipment and MAAG chief has submitted criteria US CINCEUR which in turn has referred them pentagon. MAAG will forward by December 1 MAP FY 60-61 heavy equipment using criteria; Chief MAAG and acting chief BMM prepared discuss jointly with Libyan Chief of Staff Benghazi next week Libyan army's new organizational requirements and indicate recommendations their respective governments on military assistance programs for coming year.

If US program to be on OSP basis, necessary replanning and reporgramming might cause considerable delay. Information on extent of off-shore procurement contemplated would be helpful MAAG Chief in commenting furhter on this proposal. While standardization of Libyan army equipment would undoubtedly be furthered by OSP in Britain, US would lose whatever propaganda prestige value might be acquired from ultimate presence America heavy military equipment this country.

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